SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, a

RICHMOND, VA., July 3d, 1862.

SIR:

You are instructed to inform the Medical Officers within your district, who examine Recruits, that they should not be rejected for trivial defects, but all passed who are capable of bearing arms.

A Certificate of Disability from any Medical man is not a sufficient cause for the rejection of a recruit, it is requisite that such Certificates should come from a Medical Officer, designated or detailed for their examination.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

SURG. A. J. FOARD. Medical Director, Tupelo, Miss.

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